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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Vadiraja Murthy and Edward R. Burns
Serial No.: 08/746,635
Filed : November 13, 1996
For : METHOD FOR DETECTING HEMOLYSIS
Art Unit : 1817
Examiner : Carol A. Spiegel

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PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three month extension of time in connection with the above-identified application for filing a Notice of Appeal. An Office Action was issued in connection with the subject application on May 19, 1997, and a response was due August 19, 1997. This petition for a three month extension of time extends the deadline for filing a response to November 19, 1997. Accordingly, the subject application is pending on November 19, 1997 for purposes of filing a Notice of Appeal.

The required fee for the three month extension of time is \$475.00 for a small entity, and a check for this amount is enclosed. Applicants' small entity status has previously been established and is still applicable.

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Authorization is hereby given to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment, or charge any additional extension of time fee necessary to preserve the pendency of the subject application to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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